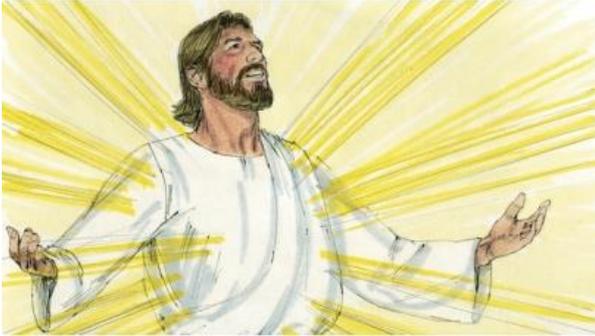


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: **“Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision” Hayes**

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Something drew us together this morning

**All: Something we can't name but which we
experience in worship**

One: Some holy mystery we call God

**All: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of
Jesus**

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we
gather in the Spirit

**All: May our experience of the Divine
transform our doubts and fears
and prepare us to love the world.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**O God, you are beyond words and description, your
love is beyond knowledge and explanation. Make our
hearts ready to receive you. Change us, we pray, that
our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration.
We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 182**

“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a
mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then

Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable."

We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal confession.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA: NCH 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: **Exodus 34:29-35**

Lay Liturgist

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: **Psalm 99** Page 687

EPISTLE READING: **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**
Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL READING: **Luke 9:28-36**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH 451 "Be Thou My Vision"**

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH 772**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
God alone fills us.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

OFFERTORY: **"Holy Ground" Geron Davis**

*DOXOLOGY: **NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.

***HOLY COMMUNION: on screen**

“Holy, Holy” will be sung NCH 790

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Let us pray:**

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.

We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.

May we bask in this glow now and forevermore. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” (on screen)**

***UNISON BENEDICTION:**

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

We have been changed.

We can’t be silent anymore.

We have seen the Light of the World.

Go and share the radiance of love!

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Three-fold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

***POSTLUDE: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Johnson**